

REMARKS

Claims 2-16 and 18-25 are now pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration.

Claims 7-17 and 18-23 have been allowed and claims 2-6 were indicated to be allowable if claims 2-4 are placed in independent form. As claims 2-4 have been placed in independent form, claims 2-6 are now in condition for allowance. Moreover, as claims 24 and 25 now depend from allowable claims 2 and 3, respectively, they too are in condition for allowance. As claims 1 and 17 have been canceled, only the allowable claims remain pending in this application.

Applicant submits that claims 2-16 and 18-25 are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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